

REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	§	Attorney Docket No. 31132.70/ PC877.07
Bryan et al.	§	
	§	Customer No. 46333
Serial No.: 09/924,298	§	
	§	Group Art Unit: 3733
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
MAILED JANUARY 23, 2008

I. Introductory Comments

The present paper is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed January 23, 2008.

No fees, including extension of time fees, are believed necessary for consideration of the present paper. However, if any fees, including extension of time fees, are necessary, the extension of time is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including those for the extension of time, to Haynes and Boone, LLP's Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

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